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Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 for the global social development issues programme, in particular the subprogrammes relating to the status of women

Note by the Secretariat

1. The medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (A/37/6) which includes a chapter on the global social development issues programme and its subprogrammes, in particular subprogrammes 3 to 5 relating to the status of women, was reviewed and revised by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session in 1982, by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, and adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session. In section I of its resolution 37/234, the General Assembly adopted the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 as "the principal policy directive of the United Nations". In paragraph 4 of section I of that resolution, the General Assembly made provision for the Secretary-General to make the necessary improvements and revisions to the plan. In the light of this, proposed revisions are submitted in conference room paper E/CN.6/1986/CRP.1.

2. Since the adoption of the medium-term plan in 1982, a number of significant international events have occurred with ramifications to the programme of work of the Secretariat.

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3. In particular, the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace was held in 1985. The Conference adopted the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. The General Assembly, by resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, endorsed the Forward-looking Strategies as adopted by the Conference.

4. The proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 for the global social development issues programme, in particular the subprogrammes relating to the status of women, highlight the recommendations of the Forward-looking Strategies. They constitute the proposed submission of the Secretary-General to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and will be before the Committee at its twenty-sixth session for review and approval. Following the review of the Committee, the proposed revisions will be considered by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

5. The proposed revisions are submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session for its consideration. The Commission may wish to provide its comments thereon. It should be noted that in accordance with established programme planning regulations and rules, the comments and/or suggestions made by the Commission may or may not be included in the approved revision of the plan.